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In re Application of:

Bendak et al.

Serial No.: 09/753,185

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Docket No. AMCC4540

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, at line 8, please delete the first instance of "_____" and insert the Serial No. --09/753,184--.

On page 1, at line 8, please delete the second instance of "_____" and insert the date -- 2 January 2001--.

On page 1, at line 10, please delete the first instance of "_____" and insert the Serial No. --09/753,183--.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to provide newly received filing data for the concurrently filed applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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